

12-Month Finding, Proposed Threatened Species Status, and Proposed Critical Habitat for *Ivesia webberi*

About the Documents

Proposed Listing Rule Title: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 12-Month Finding and Candidate Removal for *Potentilla basaltica*; Proposed Threatened Species Status for *Ivesia webberi*

Proposed Critical Habitat Rule Title: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Ivesia webberi* (Webber's ivesia)

Subject and Purpose: The 12-month finding/proposed listing rule announces the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) 12-month finding on a petition to list *Potentilla basaltica* (Soldier Meadow cinquefoil) and *Ivesia webberi* (Webber's ivesia) under the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Service determined that listing *P. basaltica* as an endangered or threatened species under the Act is no longer warranted, and we removed that species from the candidate list (and thus is no longer discussed/addressed in this document). The Service determined that listing was warranted for *I. webberi*, and concurrently proposed to list this species as threatened under the Act. Concurrently, the Service proposed critical habitat in a separate document/rule, announcing that approximately 2,011 acres in Plumas, Lassen, and Sierra Counties in northeastern California and Washoe and Douglas Counties in northwestern Nevada fall within the boundaries of the proposed critical habitat designation.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of review: Letter.

Number of reviewers: The peer review process included written requests and confirmation from three species and/or habitat experts to conduct concurrent peer review of both the proposed listing rule and proposed critical habitat rule, followed by individual letters mailed to the experts requesting their review upon publication of the proposed rules on August 2, 2013.

Reviewer Expertise: Primary expertise needed for the review is familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements of *Ivesia webberi*.

Selection of Peer Reviewer: The Service selected peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter and lack of any conflicts of interest as described in the Office of Management Peer Review Guidelines.

Management of Peer Review: The peer review is being managed by the Service.

About Public Participation

Opportunities for the Public: Both proposed rules have a public comment period from August 2, 2013, through October 1, 2013, and identify specific information requested from the public. Public comments are to be submitted by hard copy to the Service (Division of Policy and Directives Management) or electronically through www.regulations.gov.

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